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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-80 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new Claims 81- as follows:

Claims 1-40 (canceled)

Claim 41 (original): A method for controlling wavelength of a laser light beam emitted from a laser light source in a laser scanning system comprising an optical subsystem, including at least one diffractive optical element, that directs a first portion of the laser light beam into a scanning region, the method comprising the steps of:

 directing a second portion of the laser light beam to an optical detector, wherein the optical detector generates a first electrical signal in response thereto;

 providing a temperature control element, in thermal contact with the laser light source, that is capable of adjusting temperature of the laser light source;